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SUBJECT: GROUNDED YACHT "AWARE"

1. FIBERGLASS SAILING VESSEL "AWARE" OUT OF BATH, MAINE, FOUND AGROUND NEAR LUPERON, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON SEPTEMBER 1. VESSEL SAID TO BE BETWEEN 40 AND 45 FEET IN LENGTH. NOBODY, REPEAT NOBODY ABOARD AND NO FOOD NOR SUPPLIES WERE FOUND.

2. VESSEL WAS SIGHTED NEAR DOMINICAN SHORE EARLY MORNING SEPTEMBER 1 BY DOMINICAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT. NO ONE WAS SEEN ABOARD AT THAT TIME.

3. MANY DOCUMENTS BELONGING TO RICHARD STEELE NESBITT BORN APRIL 4, 1946 WERE FOUND ABOARD.

4. NESBITT APPARENTLY MEMBER OF PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. ONE CRUTCH FOUND ABOARD.

5. U.S. COAST GUARD, PUERTO RICO HAS DETERMINED THAT VESSEL WAS IN VIRGIN ISLANDS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND LOCATED JAMES NESBITT (IDENTIFIED AS FATHER OF VESSEL'S OWNER) AT GREENE, MAINE.

6. JAMES NESBITT TELEPHONED DEFENSE ATTACHE LAST NIGHT AND DISCUSSED CONDITION OF BOAT AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ITS DISCOVERY AND EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN REGARDING WELFARE OF SON.

7. DOMINICAN NAVY CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO FLOAT VESSEL AND TOW
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IT TO PUERTO PLATA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR SAFE KEEPING.

8. INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE FROM VIRGIN ISLANDS INDICATES THAT NESBITT WAS APPARENTLY VERY DEPRESSED AT TIME OF DEPARTURE.

9. COMMANDANT, COAST GUARD DISTRICT ONE, IS IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY AND SEA AND RESCUE COAST GUARD, SAN JUAN IS CONDUCTING SEARCH WITH TWO HELICOPTERS AT PRESENT TIME.
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